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SUBJECT:PLANNING FOR 29TH UNGA KHMER CREDENTIALS DEBATE

REFS: A. PHNOM PENH 6426; B. PHNOM PENH 6783

1. FOLLOWING IS OUR BEST GUESS ON THE PROBABLE BOX SCORE FOR 29TH GA CONSIDERATION OF KHMER REPRESENTATION ITEM. OUR ASSESSMENT IS BASED ON RECENT REPORTING CONCERNING THE KHMER REPRESENTATION ISSUE, AS WELL AS ON RESULTS OF LOBBYING CAMPAIGNS CONDUCTED FOR 28TH GA AND LAW OF WAR CONFERENCE.

FOR GRUNK: AFGHANISTAN, ALBANIA, ALGERIA, BAHRAIN, BULGARIA, BURUNDI, BYELORUSSIAN SSR, CAMEROON, CAR, CHAD, CHINA, CONGO, CUBA, CZECHOSLOVAKIA, DAHOMEY, DEMOCRATIC YEMEN, EGYPT, EQUATORIAL GUINEA, GDR, GABON, GAMBIA, GHANA, GUINEA, GUYANA, HUNGARY, IRAQ, JAMAICA, KUWAIT, LIBYA, MADAGASCAR, MALI, MALTA, MAURITANIA, MAURITIUS, MONGOLIAN PR, NEPAL, NIGER, OMAN, PAKISTAN, PERU, POLAND, QATAR, ROMANIA, SENEGAL, SOMALI REP., SRI LANKA, SUDAN, SYRIA, TANZANIA, TOGO, UAE, UGANDA, UKRANIAN SSR, USSR, UPPER VOLTA, CONFIDENTIAL

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YEMEN ARAB REP, YUGOSLAVIA, ZAMBIA. TOTAL 58.

FOR GKR: AUSTRALIA, AUSTRIA, BAHAMAS, BARBADOS, BELGIUM, BOLIVIA, BOTSWANA, BRAZIL, CANADA, CHILE, COLOMBIA, COSTA RICA, DENMARK, DOMINICAN REP., ECUADOR, EL SALVADOR, FIJI,

GREECE, GUATEMALA, HAITI, HONDURAS, INDONESIA, IRELAND, ISRAEL, ITALY, IVORY COAST, JAPAN, KHMER REPUBLIC, FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY, LESOTHO, LIBERIA, LUXEMBURG, MALAWI, MALAYSIA, MEXICO, NETHERLANDS, NEW ZEALAND, NICARAGUA, PANAMA, PARAGUAY, PHILIPPINES, PORTUGAL, SINGAPORE, SOUTH AFRICA, SPAIN, SWAZILAND, THAILAND, TURKEY, UK, USA, URUGUAY, VENEZUELA. TOTAL 52.

ABSTENTIONS OR ABSENT: ARGENTINA, BHUTAN, BURMA, CYPRUS, ETHIOPIA, FINLAND, FRANCE, ICELAND, INDIA, IRAN, JORDAN, KENYA, LAOS, LEBANON, MALDIVES, MOROCCO, NIGERIA, NORWAY, RWANDA, SIERRA LEONE, SAUDI ARABIA, SWEDEN, TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO, TUNISIA, ZAIRE. TOTAL 25.

2. CAVEAT: SOME VOTES ON BOTH SIDES, THOUGH PREDOMINANTLY ON GKR SIDE, ARE SOFT AND CAN FALL EITHER WAY. ABSTENTIONS AND ABSENTEES WILL LIKELY DETERMINE THE OUTCOME. GKR SHOULD CONTINUE TO PRESS ITS CASE WITH MODERATE NON-ALIGNEDS IN AFRICA, MIDDLE EAST AND LATIN AMERICA.

3. EAST ASIAN SOLIDARITY AND WILLINGNESS TO ASSUME LEADERSHIP POSITION ON KHMER ISSUE WAS A CRUCIAL DETERMINANT OF 28TH GA FAVORABLE OUTCOME. RECENT ASEAN MINISTERS STATEMENT VERY HELPFUL IN THIS REGARD. HOWEVER, IF ASIANS TIRE OF CARRYING THE BALL, AND THERE HAVE BEEN SOME SIGNS OF EROSION IN ASIAN RANKS, THE NEGATIVE IMPACT ON VOTES OF OTHER MODERATE NON-ALIGNEDS COULD PROVE DECISIVE.

4. THE SITUATION ON THE GROUND IN CAMBODIA AT THE TIME THE ITEM COMES UP FOR CONSIDERATION REMAINS AN IMPORTANT AND UNPREDICTABLE FACTOR WHICH COULD HAVE DETERMINING EFFECT ON WAVERERS. ONLY CERTAINTY IS THAT WE CONFRONT ANOTHER UPHILL BATTLE LIKELY TO PROVE EVEN MORE DIFFICULT THAN LAST YEAR'S. RUSH

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